

just would say let's move on to something else and I would ask the bill not be returned.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I appreciate again Senator Remmers concern. I guess my concern goes a little deeper and that is if an elevator is in trouble, for example, and an elevator operator knows he's short of grain, I don't know what would prevent him from sitting down and writing checks for all of the grain that he was short in an elevator and mailing them out. And if he knew that that got him off the hook, it would certainly change the picture in a hurry. Now I'm not sure that can happen and maybe Senator Remmers and Senator DeCamp can answer that question. And I don't know anyone who would ever get involved in that kind of chicanery cause my elevator managers are all honest people. But obviously, those situations do occur. And if we, as Senator Haberman has pointed out, cover the scale tickets which are certainly I think less negotiable than is a check, we obviously have to protect the integrity of the warehouse receipt. I think that's number one. But then if we say, the check that was written yesterday has no protection, I ask you what happens if I as an elevator operator know that I'm short 2 or 300,000 bushels of grain, sit down and write checks for them, mail them out to the farmers and find them without any protection whatsoever on that grain and that grain is not covered under any bonds or any kind of protection. I've heard also from a lot of the elevator managers and owners and I'm concerned as they are about what might happen with the passage of this bill. I'm also concerned about the fact that we have been going through this for a number of years and although the problem is not a widespread one, when it does occur it is a very specific one. It's a very specific and intense problem. And so, therefore, I'm going to tell you this, that if you vote for the amendment, you're saying maintain the status quo; we'll keep on operating the way we are. We do not want to provide the farmers that additional protection. We think it is better to proceed as is. Now if you feel that way, then you have to vote for Senator Remmers' amendment. Some of you in good conscious are going to feel that way and you create no personal problems with me if you do. I happen to disagree. I don't disagree vehemently as I do sometimes but I disagree. And so I would suggest that certainly if you're going to cover the warehouse receipt and you're going to cover the scale ticket, give the farmer some protection in those areas, then certainly a period of five days to can to cover or to cash a check is not being unreasonable. And I would much rather that you voted red and kill the bill in Final Reading than to give the farmer some charade or some pretense of protection and not have it there. All too often in this Legislature we amend and amend